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REVIEWING ARGUS PROGRESS

—by Robert E. Lewis

Now that the vacation period is over and we're headlong into the fall and Christmas business, I think that this is a good time to review just how some of our products are doing.

POPULARITY OF PRODUCTS CONTINUES

More and more people are buying our C-4 cameras, and one of our major problems is to keep up with the demand. Those of you who are concerned with the manufacture and assembly of C-4 parts know what I mean since you are putting forth extra effort to meet the requirements of our Sales Department.

Also encouraging is the continued popularity of the C-3. Schedule increases in it and several other products were necessary during the past few weeks in order to meet our forecasted fall sales. These expected sales, and the production increases necessary to meet them, mean that jobs have been made available for everyone on lay-off in spite of substantial reductions in our military production over the past several months.

SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT ELIMINATED

For the last several years we have eliminated a great deal of seasonal unemployment by working overtime during the fall rush period when possible, rather than adding extra people. This policy is being continued this year. In addition, several new products are in the development and tooling stages which will broaden our product line, help us maintain our competitive position in the industry, and hold employment variations to a minimum.

OPERATIONS IN GERMANY CONTINUE

I am frequently asked how our operations are going in Germany. As many of you know, we have received the official papers establishing Argus Cameras, G.m.b.H. in Stuttgart, Germany. Bruce Pester of our Engineering Department was there in the spring to work with Bill Patton in getting this operation started. It is coming along as we have expected, although no products are being manufactured yet for the world trade.

Roy Moore, our engineer working on the Speedmail machine, has been busy at Oberuhldingen in Germany with the manufacture of this product. We are very encouraged about the development of this machine, and we feel that it will be a real addition to our line of products.

Rob Wilson Makes Three Television Appearances

Rob Wilson, Manager of the Sales Service Division, made a personal appearance on WJBK-TV's "Girl Talk" program August 10. He also appeared August 24 on "Picture That!" WBTV, Charlotte, N.C.; and again on August 27 on WFGC-TV, Greenville, N.C., on a photography show. Below, Rob explains the features of the Super 75 to Pat Rousseau on "Girl Talk." The picture was taken by George Milroy, Sales, with an Argus EF Camera.



About The Cover

Bob Patterson, Purchasing won a \$25 savings bond for this picture of his two nephews. Bob used an Argus C-3 Camera, F. 5.6, at a 50th of a second with Plus X Film.

Camera Club to Meet With Greater Detroit Council

All Argus employees and their wives or husbands are invited to the meeting of the Greater Detroit Camera Club which will be held in our cafeteria on September 16. Exhibition and judging of color slides made by the best amateur photographers in the Detroit area will be a part of the evening program. Free refreshments will be served.

Following are some of the advantages to be derived from a \$5 membership in the Argus Camera Club:

1. Participation in the functions of the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council (there is always something doing)!

2. Affiliation with the Photographic Society of America.

3. Seeing and hearing the interesting programs and speakers that are secured from Eastman Kodak, Ansco, Weston, and the Greater Detroit Council.

4. Free use of the dark room facilities here at the plant. (We have everything, thanks to Argus!)

5. Photographic accessories and magazines at a liberal discount.

6. Working with others interested in this exciting hobby.

A \$5 membership now runs to October 1, 1956. Interested persons please see Gerry Space, Ed Sayer, or Russ Trombly.

Watch the Camera Club Bulletin Board for further announcements of coming events.

In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Joe Brahm and Al Tessmer.

Joseph A. Brahm passed away August 16, 1955. With Argus since April of 1939 until retiring July 31, 1955, Joe was employed in the Tool Room as Tool Crib-Stockroom Attendant.

Albert J. Tessmer died August 9, 1955. Al had been with Argus since July of 1942 until his recent retirement July 31, 1955. He was Tool Crib Attendant in the Machine Shop.

Bates Returns from Strategic Air Command

By Jim Meldrum

Many people at Argus saw the movie "Strategic Air Command." The type of overseas operation with airbourne refueling as was illustrated in the movie is very similar to the experiences that Harry Bates, Engineering, had while serving in the Strategic Air Command.

Harry, who has recently returned to Argus, was a captain in the Air Force and was stationed at Lockbourne Air Base in Columbus, Ohio.

He piloted B-47 Jet Bombers in Florida, Kansas, and overseas in England and several other places.

On one mission Harry flew from Columbus, Ohio to Oxford, England in seven hours refueling once while airbourne. Missions 14 to 16 hours long required refueling twice.

Congratulations to you, Harry, for your fine work serving your country not only in wartime for four years but also for two and a half years during peacetime.



(Above) Airbourne refueling. The top left plane is a KC-97 Tanker and is the gas station in the air. The plane at the right, which is a B-47 Jet Bomber, is receiving the fuel.



(Above) The crew of a reconnaissance type plane of which Harry was a member. Harry (center) was Pilot, Radio Operator, and Sextant Operator.



You Asked Andy

By Andy Argus

I guess everyone rested up his writin' arm during vacation because I got a big handful of letters this time. Well, I'm ready for you because I rested up my writin' arm, too!

Selection of Keymen:

"On what basis is a Keyman chosen?"

The Keyman group is composed of all salaried employees in Pay Class 12 and above, supervisory employees in salaried Pay Class 11, and certain individuals who have historically been members of the group.

Profit Sharing Maximum Contribution

"When the profit sharing fund began, the contributions to the fund were to represent the value of the contributing member to the prosperity of the company. That is, those workers making \$4000 or more... were to share in the profits equally, while those making under \$4000 were to share in the profits in various degrees, measured by their contributions. Since that time, due to inflationary wage increases alone, a large share of those workers... have now risen to the position of sharing equally... Because the company contribution to the (Profit Sharing) fund is considered as additional earnings by most members of the fund, the maximum amount of member contribution should be tied to the wage increases in such a manner that the same ratio of sharing the profits be maintained as when the fund was set up. In other words, the maximum amount allowed to be contributed should be increased to offset the wage increases or the wage increases should not be allowed as a base for contribution to the fund. Has anyone considered this problem?"

Tom Spitler helped me with this one. This problem has been considered but to change the provisions of the Profit Sharing Fund requires approval of all members. Mr. Spitler stated that he would bring this up at the next meeting of the Management Committee for their consideration and recommendations as far as future amendments are concerned.

Tool and Die Making in Job Shops

"... Please show us, as we are Profit Sharing members, how you save the cost of \$5000 on a die being done in job shops when the same job could be done at no extra cost to Argus only by having the work done in our tool room... I think in most cases you get a much better job done in your own shop by men that are interested in their jobs, knowing they will have to service them. I believe every man should have two or three jobs at his bench so in tie-ups he could alternate back and forth... At our annual banquet you have mentioned team spirit and team play is the motto to our success..."

Back to Tom Spitler for this answer. As in other areas of the plant, the construction of tools and dies is bid for by our own Tool Room as well as outside job shops. When the work can be performed considerably cheaper outside, it is only logical to have the tools built there. Working our Tool Room overtime to build dies that can be obtained less expensively outside is not the answer. We are interested in team spirit and do try to keep the Tool Room schedule to 100% capacity. However, it is not always possible or practical to have two and three jobs lined up ahead for each tool maker.

Use for the Brewery Building

"This noon I was peering into the old brewery building and an idea came to me. Why couldn't this building be used for the press room, tool and die room, gage room, and jig bore and jig grinding room and the upper floors for designing? This would relieve the congested areas in other buildings and would be utilizing this old building at a minimum cost..."

I talked to Jim Thompson about this one. This is what he told me. Plans are already in process for the utilization of the brewery with minimum change. According to present plans, the building will be used for process storage, the Service Department, and some Maintenance facilities. The changeover right now is in the engineering specifications stage. Preparations are now being made for installation of proper plumbing and piping. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use by October 1, but no definite date has been set.

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Fellow Workers Honor Retiring Argusites Brahm, Dixon, Tessmer, Sleezer

August 1 saw the retirement of four Argusites who have given many years of service to the Company.

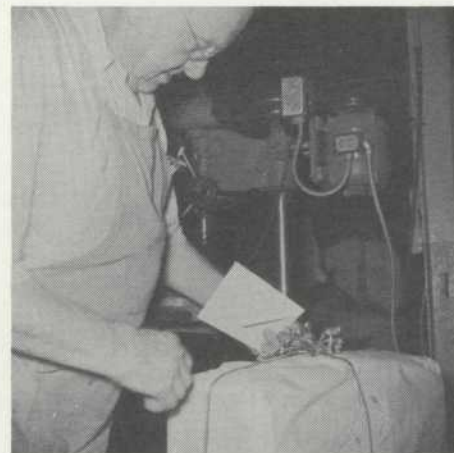
Retirements were celebrated in various departments with much gaiety, much good-will, and much cake and coffee. Friends of the retirees in each of their departments contributed toward thoughtful gifts for them.

Mr. Lewis attended the parties and Bill Betke, Argus Recreation Club President, was on hand to present the retiree with a lifetime membership to the Club.

Ed Sleezer, Carpenter Shop

Many Argusites will miss the bright blue eyes and impressive figure of Ed Sleezer. Ed, who is an unbelievable 72 years of age, has worked in the Carpenter Shop for 22 years—since 1933. Before that, Ed worked for many years for the furniture company which occupied our Plant I building before the forming of International Industries.

Ed and his wife Carrie are at home at 521 South Seventh Street where Ed is catching up on his reading and just plain relaxing.



Bill Dixon, Maintenance

Bill Dixon came to Argus in 1941. He retired this year with 14 years of service in the Maintenance Department.

A joint party was given in the Carpenter Shop for Bill and Ed Sleezer. Bill was presented with a jacket and Ed with a piece of luggage. Each of them cut a cake and helped serve it to co-workers attending the party.

Bill and his wife, Viola, are now living at 9095 Forest Street in Whitmore Lake.

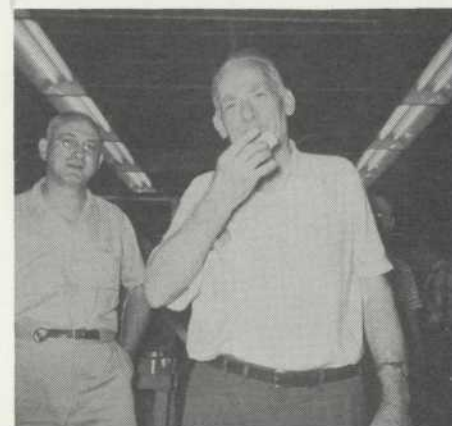


Joe Brahm, Tool Room

Joe Brahm worked as a Tool Crib or Stockroom Attendant at Argus for 16 years.

Tool Room pals gave 60-year-old Joe a piece of luggage at a party in his honor.

Joe's wife, Gladys, who worked in Camera Assembly for 10 years, resigned from the Company when husband Joe retired. Farewell party for Gladys was held in the Cafeteria (far right).

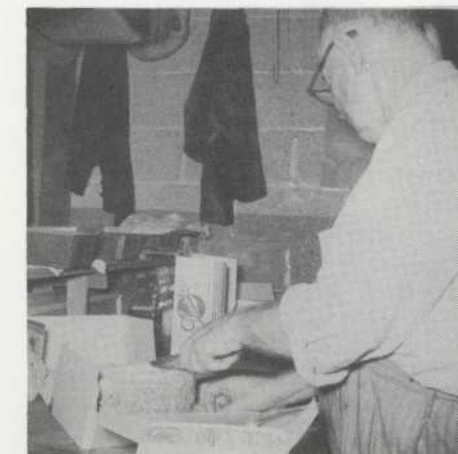
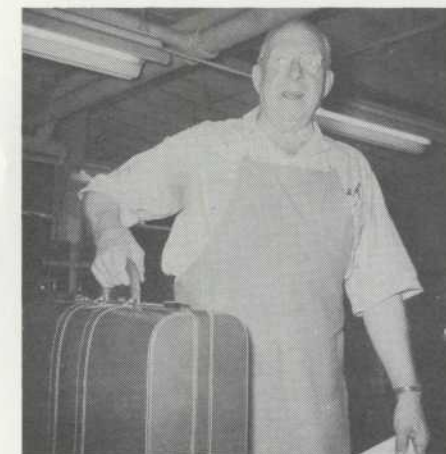
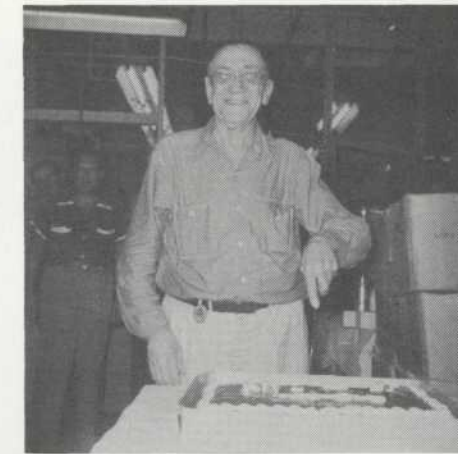


Al Tessmer, Machine Shop

Al Tessmer retired from Argus at the age of 69 with 13 years of service behind him.

He started at Argus in 1942 as a tool and die sweeper in the Tool Room. He was a tool crib attendant in the Machine Shop before he retired.

Machine Shop pals took some time off the job to honor Al with cake and coffee before he left.



Rain Fails to Daunt Fun-Lovers at Recreation Club Family Picnic

Pictures by Eddie Girvan and Vern Peterson



Stopping to chat at the Independence Lake Recreation Area are the Bahn-miller family, Donnie, Helen and Mel, and Ernie Billau and his daughter "Sherry."



Michael McClune, with his daddy, Chuck of Engineering, all set to receive his gift.



"Put 'em up!" says Pete Courtright, son of Bill, Quality Control.



Davy Crockett hats, baseballs, dolls, and other prizes were given to Argus small-fry by the Recreation Club.



My, this is hard work!



Balloons got bigger 'n bigger as the youngsters tried to break them in the Balloon Blowing Contest.



Mighty tasty hamburgers Les Schwanbeck cooked up on an Independence Site grill.



"What will it be?" the youngsters wonder as they wait their turn for a prize.



Ready to eat one of Les' hamburgers is "Red" Peterson.



The rain doesn't seem to bother Joan Meyers of Service.



"Oh, what a mess!" cried Irene Root as the egg broke in the Egg Throwing Contest.



The Shoe Contest proved to be lots of fun for these gals.



Glen Eastman, Beulah Newman, George Navarre, and Elmer Kalmbach, in charge of the ice cream and pop, take the orders of two "Davy Crockett's."

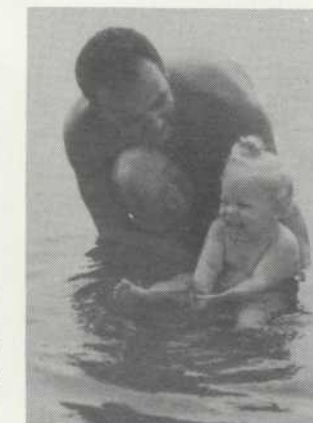


Tired after a busy day, Robin Cox rests for a minute in the arms of her daddy, Darwin.



Bill Underwood tries his luck in the Men's Golf Contest as fellow workers look on.

Sweet little Jacqueline Cummings enjoys the water with dad, Jack of Engineering.



The "Penny Hunt" attracted the younger-set as they set out to find the hidden treasure.



Ernie Billau watches as his wife, Betty, takes her turn in the Women's Golf Contest.



Fred Vees, of Standards, "tees" off in the golf contest.

Anniversaries Boom as 40 Mark Years of Service

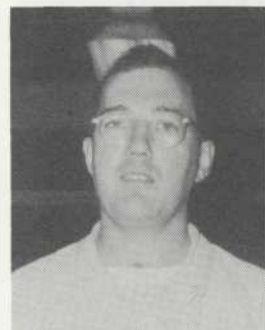
Vice-President Clinton Harris



Clinton Harris
Engineering
20 years



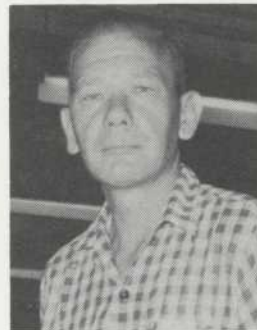
Steve Jardno
Tool Room
15 years



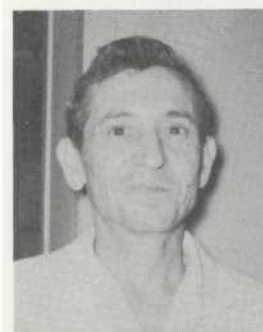
Conrad Ganzhorn
Blocking-Polishing
15 years



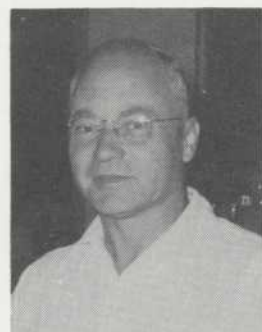
Albert Husted
Screw Machine
10 years



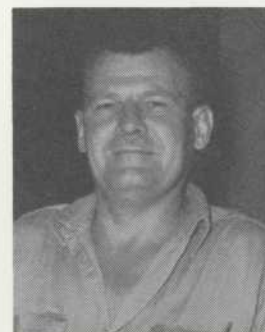
Arthur Danmer
Machine Shop
10 years



Dennis O'Hare
Production Planning
10 years



William Wetzel
Model Shop
10 years



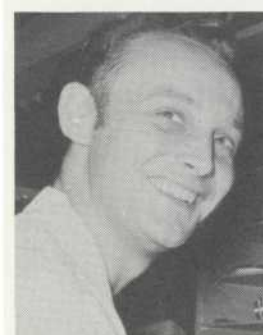
Harold Schauer
Shipping
5 years



Berniece Blackmer
Govt. Opt. Assembly
5 years



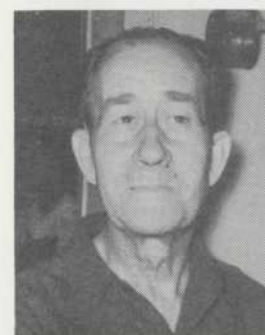
Annie Bird
Govt. Opt. Assembly
5 years



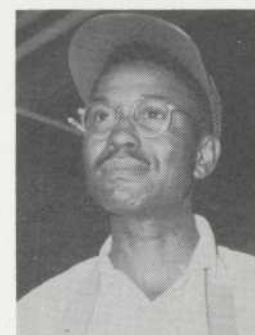
William Klave
Govt. Opt. Assembly
5 years



Janet Riddle
Cementing
5 years



Jasper Womack
Machine Shop
5 years



Lynn Bell, Jr.
Blocking
5 years



Edith Talbot
Optical Assembly
5 years



Eleda Cooper
Machine Shop
5 years



Ronald Kaufman
Paint Shop
5 years



Patricia Meddaugh
Projector Assembly
5 years



Donald Breehl
Final Inspection
5 years



Marian Fox
Purchasing
5 years

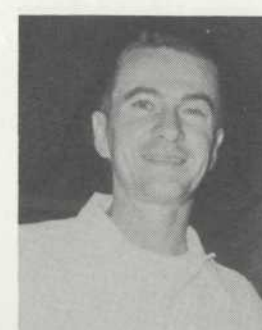
Marks 20th Year With Argus



William Betke
Machine Shop
5 years



Jessie Arnett
Camera Assembly
5 years



Oscar Markham
Govt. Opt. Assembly
5 years



William Courtright
Quality Control
5 years



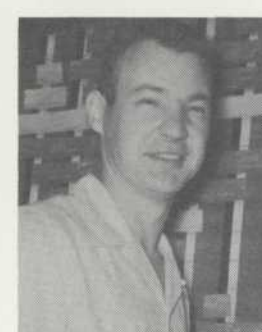
Robert Pau
Engineering
5 years



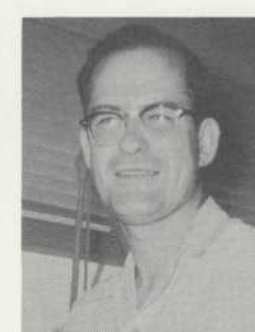
William Ruzicka
Purchasing
5 years



Robert Bultman
Polishing
5 years



Martin Sielooff
Production Planning
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Lloyd Crabtree
Engineering
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Joanne O'Dell
Machine Shop
5 years



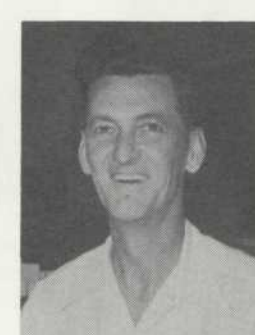
Doris Daugherty
Camera Assembly
5 years



Gayle Flannery
Purchasing
5 years



Harold Cramer
Engineering
5 years



Thomas Otts
Production Planning
5 years



Dolores Bisard
C-4 Camera Assembly
5 years



Edna Racicot
Inventory Control
5 years



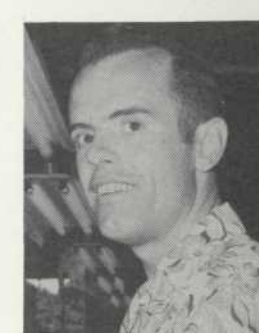
Juanita Tweedy
Optical Assembly
5 years



Ralph Merrell
Service
5 years



Ruby Skinner
Machine Shop
5 years



George Sponaugle
Service
5 years



Sammie Lovine Cook, daughter of John Lawrence, Paint Shop, and her husband. They were married May 14.



Amual Bergey, Machine Shop, wed Janice Marshall of Ann Arbor on July 16.



Georgia Clarke, Camera Assembly, admires gifts at a bridal shower given for her by fellow workers.



A boy, John Thomas, was born June 14 to Alice Alt, C-4 Camera Assembly, and Glen Alt, Production Control. John weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Robert Cuny, Engineering, has a new son, Kevin Stuart. Kevin was born August 11, weighing 4 lbs., 6 oz. He has an older brother Steven, who is two years old.

Richard Sarns, Engineering, has a new son, Steven William, born July 5. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 11-1/2 oz. He has a brother David, 1-1/2 years old.

Donald George was born August 13 to Betty Livingston, Tabulating. Donald weighed in at 8 lbs., 3 oz.

A daughter, Barbara Lynn, was born August 16 to Jack Daziens, Sales. Barbara weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz.



This glamour girl is Cindy Harris, nine-month-old daughter of Betty Harris, Purchasing.



Looks like someone surprised Michael Kalmbach here. Three months old, he is the son of Elmer, Shipping, and Sylvia, formerly of Time-keeping.



(Above) C-4 Camera Assembly workers "showered" Mildred Balte-zor with several gifts for the new baby. (Below) The same group also "showered" Joe O'Donnell, who recently welcomed the fifth addition to his family.



Fellow-employees held a farewell party recently in honor of Gloria Wood, Engineering, at the Elks Club. Gloria's husband has finished his work at the University and is now employed in Chicago.



Girls in the Sales Department held a going-away party complete with cake in the Cafeteria for (left to right) Gen Wright, Pat Strickland, and Dawn Halleen.

Andy Argus

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Membership in the Profit Sharing Fund

"Some of our new Profit Sharing members have not been with Argus three years until after August 1 . . . How come? Has this date been changed?"

The following is quoted from the Profit Sharing Retirement Fund Agreement revised May 19, 1950. "Persons who have been in the employ of the Corporation for a continuous term of at least three (3) full fiscal years, except that an extra grace period up to and including August 31st of the third fiscal year will be allowed those new members who began employment with the Corporation during the month of August, may participate in the benefits of this mutual undertaking and shall be entitled to full membership as 'Profit Sharing Members.'"

Replies to Suggestions

In regard to the letter that questioned the promptness of notification as to whether or not a suggestion has been adopted under the Employee Suggestion Plan, the matter has been referred to Art Parker, Jr., in the Suggestion Plan Office, and I will have an answer for you next month.

ANDY

OCTOBER
IS COMMUNITY CHEST
AND
RED CROSS MONTH
10th through 24th

Ladies Bowling League Opens September 14

Elizabeth Clapham, President of the Argus Ladies Bowling League, has announced a new schedule for the women bowlers. Instead of bowling at 9:00 P.M. on Fridays, as last year, the six teams will be bowling at 6:45 every Wednesday night at the Ann Arbor Recreation Bowling Alley on Huron Street, starting September 14.

At the organizational meeting scheduled for September 7, teams will be set up officially, rules and policies will be discussed, as well as weekly fees.

Anyone interested in bowling, either as a regular or a sub, is asked to contact Liz.

Gerry Space, Sales, President of the Huron Lanes Ladies Bowling League reports that their league will open its season this year on September 14 at 6:45 P.M.

Sports Review

By Don Crump

SOFTBALL

We are proud of the showing the softball team made in the District Tournament. Although they lost in the final game, we all think they are champions.

A special thanks goes to Joe O'Donnell for a fine job of managing and we hope to see him out there again next year. Congratulations to all members of the team and a special mention to the players who did not have the opportunity to play as much as they would have liked but finished the season out.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Saturday, August 6 saw many Argus golf enthusiasts at the Men's Golf Outing at Plymouth Country Club.

Bill Courtright shot low gross of 35, which is two under par. Don Dempsey took high honors for low net and Dick Towner placed second. The chip-ping contest was won by Willis Van Dyke and the putting contest by Ray Clark.

Ralph Parsons showed his versatility on the golf course by winning a prize for the highest score on a hole and another prize for the lowest score on another hole. This man has talent!

League members would like to express appreciation to the members of the Special Events Committee, Tom Heermans, Chuck McClune, Bob Nickels and Neil Navarre for doing a fine job in planning the Outing.

Season winners of the leagues are as follows:

Tuesday	- 3:30 League - Ted Adams - Ed Selent
	5:00 League - Jim Brinkerhoff - Joe Detweiler
Wednesday	- 3:30 League - Don Crump - Babe Peterson
	5:00 League - Bob Barsantee, Jr. - Bill Ambrazevich

The winners of each league will have a playoff to establish the league grand champions. No playoff date has been set as yet.

The Argus Open will be held as soon as the leagues are finished and will close September 9. Low net for 36 holes will establish the winner of the Open. Trophies for first, second and third place winners will be awarded.

WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The Women's Golf League is nearing the end of the season with only a few more rounds to be played. The league will close the last of August and the Outing will be held September 7. Jerry Space, Treasurer and Leona Smith, Golf Chairman, are in charge of the prizes for the season's play. Gert Thompson and Helen Chapman are handling the picnic department.

The League hopes that next year it will have enough members interested in golf to be able to have team play.

NOTICE: All persons interested in a Mixed Two-Ball Foursome sometime in September, please contact Kathryn DelPrete, Ext. 309.

MEN'S NIGHT SHIFT GOLF LEAGUE

Two weeks yet for the four team league. September 1 ends it.

Tom Mitchell and Jake Milliken are on top so far with 94 points. Bob Wood and Nick Bandrofchak are second with 82 points. Tom Loy and Gene Rohde are sitting in third position and Armond Start and Billy Baker are fourth.

The winners of the league are more than anxious to play the day shift representatives for the team championship. Although only eight players showed interest this year, they have all enjoyed the season and have seen many fancy shots on the greens. A special outing is planned for the night league at the end of the season.

BOWLING

It won't be long before the bowling season will be underway. Let's make this a big year. All persons who are interested in bowling and are not already on a team, contact the following persons:

Days	- Men - Jesse Cope
	Women - Liz Clapham
Nights	- Tom Mitchell

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